

May 7, 2009

Meeting began at 8:05 p.m. and was held in the Firehouse.

Present: Bill Muse, Mayor; Dennis Bertucci, Wendell Roundy, Councilmembers; Judi Davis, Clerk; Mark McIff, Attorney; Peg Smith and Sergio Femenias, Tom Jerome, Scott Brodie, Anselm Spring, Ashley Coombs, Bob and Naomi Brems, Denise Pennington and Ray Nelson, Tim Mutcher, Ray Gardner, Rick Crawford.

There was no Pledge of Allegiance because there wasn't a flag.

Mark McIff was introduced and welcomed as the Town's new attorney.

There was not a quorum present of people who could approve the minutes of the last two meetings, so their approval was postponed until next month.

Scott reported on the Highway 12 meeting. An extension of the bike path at Red Canyon is the only project funded. A three-panel kiosk has been designated for Boulder (in addition to one above town at the overlook) and will be installed this summer. Donna Owen and Lisa Varga are willing to have it placed at their businesses. Other proposed locations were the Garkane turnoff and Anasazi State Park. (Caroline Gaudy, Matt Cochran and Constance Lynn came.) Bill prefers a location in the middle of town. Scott will come to the June meeting with pictures, and we will make a recommendation then.

Tom began his update on the park project by explaining that the meeting is being held at the Firehouse because of the Park Committee in action! He explained how the power line was cut and reported that the remaining parts of the projects will be finished within a month. The Park Friends fund will donate money toward the cost of the sod. The shelter and playground projects are lined up.

Tom accepted comments pro and con regarding the new red wall. We need blocks to keep vehicles from running into it. Concrete bumpers are a possibility. Natural untreated logs were suggested, but it is feared they won't last. Railroad ties and asphalt "speed" bumps were also suggested. (Clifford and Carolyn Fuller came.) Dennis reported that comments to him about the wall have been negative, and people don't think it represents Boulder. Additionally, the Council approved boulders and the block wall doesn't fit the plan. Tom replied that there weren't enough boulders of the right size available on private ground. Bill agreed that it was changed without approval, but we have it now. Tim Clarke has suggested topping it with flagstones. Another possibility is to stucco it. Naomi loves the wall. Tim says it will be permanent until someone runs into it. He stated that the bumpers need to be six feet from the wall, which will create a walkway. Someone suggested plants on the outside of the wall. That would be fine, but there is no money for more plants. Tom responded to criticism by stating that owners can modify projects after the architect submits plans, and that is what has happened.

Tom talked about the cow gate at the entrance to the Town Hall sidewalk. Because it is representative of early Boulder, he suggested that it be restored to its original state, with a

plaque on it explaining Boulder's ranching heritage. Larry Davis has agreed to rebuild the gate. Tom acknowledged Tim Mutchler and all the hours he has spent. Other volunteers have donated much in time and equipment, including Joe Parker and Shane Coleman, plus the use of Alfred Jepsen's backhoe. Tom is keeping track of the hours in hopes they can be used as in-kind matching for another grant.

Copies of the preliminary 2009-10 budget were distributed.

There have been complaints about the appearance of the old Karl Roundy homesite. The new owners have parked multiple pieces of equipment there, which may not be in compliance with the ordinance. If not, the options for them would be to come into compliance or to ask for a rezoning or other change in the ordinance. Anselm recommended we have them plant trees to hide the equipment. We will have Mark write to them. (Linda Crawford came.)

As a follow-up on last month's meeting, it was reported that we have contacted the Sheriff and County Attorney and asked them to enforce our dog noise ordinance. Ray talked to the Sheriff, who assured him that the Sheriff's Department will enforce the ordinance. Ray has not received any calls from Dispatch since last fall, so apparently they haven't forwarded any complaints to him. They have contacted the Crawfords occasionally, and now the ordinance will be enforced. Rick has done everything he can. When the batteries on the collars run down, the dogs act worse. During the 12-hour recharging time, they seem to want to make up for lost time by barking more than they would have done otherwise. He is doing the best he can and doesn't want to fight. He has heard other dogs bark, but Dispatch hasn't received any calls about them. His property isn't large enough to place the dogs away from people. He takes care of his dogs. His are the only ones being complained about, so he feels there is discrimination against him. He asked if dogs are an agricultural animal, and we don't know the answer.

Mark reported that he has talked with the Sheriff and the County Attorney. They are willing to enforce our ordinance, which Mark stated is much more generous than the County's. Ray asked people to get a copy of the ordinance and make sure all of its elements are satisfied before phoning the County. He reminded us that he has a large area to cover and is not always in town, so a quick response isn't always realistic. Denise didn't realize the calls weren't being relayed to Ray. He stated anyone with a complaint should call Dispatch and it will be recorded. Caroline acknowledged her understanding that Ray isn't always available, but she would appreciate a response as soon as possible. Ray Nelson continued that, when Ray isn't here, it shouldn't be ignored. Linda asked that people please call her; she would appreciate it. If she can't answer at the moment, please leave her a message.

Anselm asked about the Town's plans in the event of an outbreak of the swine flu. Bill gave an overview of our Emergency Operating Plan and referred concerned citizens to the town website (boulder.utah.gov) to review the plan.

Dennis made a motion that the Council go to executive session to discuss personnel. Wendell seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Wendell – Aye
Dennis – Aye
Bill – Aye

At 9:10 the Council adjourned to executive session. At 9:15 Wendell made a motion that open meeting resume. Dennis seconded the motion. The vote was:

Wendell – Aye
Dennis – Aye
Bill – Aye

There is a vacancy on the Board of Adjustment. Bill appointed Matt Cochran to fill that vacancy. Wendell and Dennis voted to support the appointment.

Dennis reported for the Fire Department that Pete is in California recuperating from his surgery. They responded to a call on the mountain last week and assisted Wayne County with our jaws of life and the foam on our new truck. There were no other department reports.

Naomi complimented the town organization of first responders on how they were taken care of last fall.

Dennis made a motion the meeting adjourn. Wendell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Judith Davis, Town Clerk

Approved by Bill Muse, Mayor